(b) the number of cases referred to these Adalats and disposed of during the above period; and

(c) the steps proposed to reduce the cases in these> Adalats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) A total number-of 21 telephone Adalat were organised in Jharkhand during the last one year.

(b) 601 number of cases were referred to these Adalats during the last one year and 567 were disposed of during this period.

(c) The steps proposed to reduce the cases in these Adalats are as below:

By settling the excess metering complaints and other complaints at the earliest at administrative level.

By popularizing the dynamic locking facility and publishing the tariff frequently.

By improving the telecom network for fault minimization.

By reducing the waiting list for new telephone connections by augmentation of telecom network.

Penalty Imposed by Courts in U.P.

†4531. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1184 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th March, 2002 and state:

(a) the officers who were fined and penalized by the court; and

(b) the details of those 13 cases in which the court had fined the officers alongwith the charges in each case indicating the observation made, fine and penalty imposed in each case?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Shri Firoz Anwar, TDM and Shri U.C. Misra, S.D.O. Mainpuri.

(b) The details of 13 cases are in the Statement.

Statement

Details of 13 Cases in Which the Court had fined the Officers

SI. No.	Case No.	Name of Party	Nature	Decision of penalty (in Rs.)	Remark
1.	113/2001	Ram Prakash Rajput	Disconnect due to Non-Payment-37053	2000/-	Appealed in State Consumer Court.
2.	277/2001	Kaptan Singh	Faulty-31113	1500/-	-do-
3.	203/2000	Hari Kishan Pal	New Telephone Connection	1500/-	-do-
4.	229/2001	Raj Kuamr	New Telephone Connection	1000/-	-do-
5.	32/2001	Shiva Pal Singh	New Telephone Connection	1500/-	-do-
6.	74/2001	Arbind Singh	Faulty-36815	5500/- '	-do--
7.	96/2001	Banaras State Bank, Mainpuri	Shifting-40137	25,500/- each to TDM & SDO	do-
8.	217/2000	Shailendra Kumar Yadav	New Telephone Connection	1500/-	-do-
9.	55/2001	Narendra Kumar Tiwari	Faulty Telephone No.-34165	5500/-	-do-
10.	114/2001	Rama Kant Saxena	New Telephone Connection	10,500/-	-do-
11.	246/2001	Smt. Manoram Gupta	Excess Billing Case-34852	1000/-	-do-
12.	226/2000	Rajendra Prasad Pachauri	Excess Billing Case	1500/-	-do-

SI. No.	Case No.	Name of Party	Nature	Decision of penalty (in Rs.)	Remark
13(a)	189/2000	Ajit Kant Mishra	New Telephone Connection	1000/-	-do-
13(b)	012/2001	Ajit Kant Mishra	SECTION-27 (against non-com-pliace of 13(a)	2000/- and six month imprision-ment to TDM & SDO	Appealed in State Consumer Court, stay granted on 14.12.2001

Revocation of Licences of Private Telecom Operators

4532. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any directive has been issued by him to the private fixed Jine telecom operators warning them to revoke licences who have failed to provide rural phones;

(b) if so, whether he has directed the operators to increase their coverage and install Village Public Telephones in their licence areas;

(c) whether a number of operators have not so far fulfilled their targets; and

(d) whether any time bound programme has been fixed by them for fulfilling their targets in the rural phones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (d) The six defaulting Private Basic Telephone Service licences have been asked to complete their unfulfilled voluntarily committed performance obligations of providing Village Public Telephones (VPTs) by December 2002 against submission of additional Performance Bank Guarantees and Deed of Guarantees, failing which Government shall be con&irained to take action against them under provisions of their Licence Agreement.